(b) how many of them got themselves absorbed or re-employed directly or indirectly in UN, WTO, WHO, IMF and World Bank, during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Information sought in respect of the Ministry of External Affairs is nil.

Debate on CTBT

2100. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the National Defence Missile System Testing by the USA, Government of India still considering to debate in Parliament about India signing the CTBT and also arriving at a consensus; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Government's position on the CTBT has been and shall continue to be based on considerations of national security and national interest alone. It takes into account but is not conditioned on developments in the area of ballistic missile defences and their possible implications.

Reunification of Korean Peninsula

2101. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a long shadow of war from the divided Korean Peninsula paved the way for eventual reunification during the recent South Korean President's visit to North Korea;

(b) whether an apprehension was also expressed that family reunions were becoming increasingly urgent with the passage of time as many of the family members are passing away and have to attend their lifelong wishes; and

(c) if so, whether Prime Minister would take up the matter with Pakistani counterpart to bring the conception of federation of the

two nations to a reality as was asserted to by two leaders Deendayal and Lohia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) We have welcomed the historic Summit meeting between the leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea held in Pyongyang in June, 2000 at which they agreed, inter-alia, to promote peaceful unification through the joint efforts of the Korean people and to resolve humanitarian issues, such as exchange of visits by separated family members and relatives. We have consistently advocated that all differences between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea should be resolved by peaceful means through dialogue.

(c) No, Sir.

Discussion in European Union-India Summit

2102. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of issues discussed in European Union-India Summit in Lisbon;

(b) whether the issues related to anti-dumping, anti-subsidy investigations and differences on steel export by India, were also discussed;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the trade with European Union would increase after this Summit;

(e) if so, the extent thereof;

(f) whether European Union has given any assurance for positive solution for the issues mentioned in part (b); and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF